**WASHINGTON, DC**- Today, Congressman Jim Costa (D-Fresno) announced that a total of \$3 million has been awarded to the City of Fresno to eliminate lead-based paint from low-income homes. Funding was released through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development made available in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

"Lead-based paints are a toxic killer to children living in low-income homes, and exposure results in learning disabilities and numerous health problems," said Costa. "However, this is a problem we can solve by removing this poison from these homes and replacing with safe, non-toxic paints. I am happy that Fresno will be able to make progress on this ongoing problem."

More than \$99 million in Recovery Act grants were announced today to help remove these dangerous lead-based paints from homes.